

## ABSTRACT

A layered silicate characterized by being ion-exchanged with an organic onium ion at 50-100% of its ion-exchange capacity, and by having a specific surface area of 2.5-100 m<sup>2</sup>/g, as well as a resin composition comprising a thermoplastic resin and the aforementioned layered silicate, the resin composition being characterized in that the layered silicate content is 0.01-20 parts by weight as inorganic ash with respect to 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic resin, and the average number of layers of the layered silicate in the thermoplastic resin is 2-8 layers. Also, a film which comprises the resin composition.